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HAWAII LABOR
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STATE OF HAWAII

HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of)	CASE NO. OSH 2007-11
)	(Inspection No. 310391024)
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)	
AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,)	STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT
)	AGREEMENT; EXHIBIT A; APPROVAL
Complainant,)	AND ORDER
)	
vs.)	
)	
BRELLE WEST CONSTRUCTION &)	
RESTORATION, INC.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Complainant DARWIN L.D. CHING, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations
("Director") and Respondent BRELLE WEST CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, INC.
("Respondent") having reached a full and complete settlement of the above-captioned contested
case presently pending before the Hawaii Labor Relations Board ("Board") stipulate and agree as
follows:

On or about March 14, 2007, the Director, by and through the State of Hawaii's

Occupational Safety and Health Division ("HIOSH"), inspected Respondent's workplace located at 74-5499 Luluku Street, Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740.

As a consequence of said inspection, the Director issued a Citation and Notification of Penalty on April 12, 2007 ("Citation") to Respondent alleging violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Standards and assessed an aggregate penalty of \$3,750.00. *See* Exhibit A.

Respondent timely contested the Citation.

THEREFORE, to avoid the expense of litigation and to compromise and settle the above-captioned case, the parties, by and through their respective representatives, stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this contested case pursuant to section 396-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").
2. At all relevant times, Respondent maintained a workplace at 74-5499 Luluku Street, Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740.
3. At all relevant times, Respondent was an employer, as defined in HRS § 396-3, and employed employees, as defined in HRS § 396-3, and was therefore subject to the requirements of HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law.
4. Respondent agrees that it has abated each violation listed in the Citation in compliance with the abatement requirements under Hawaii Administrative Rule § 12-51-22.
5. The violations and corresponding characterizations as stated in the Citation are affirmed. *See* Exhibit A.
6. The Director reduces the aggregate penalty from \$3,750.00 to \$1,875.00

which shall be paid in full to the Director of Budget and Finance upon the execution of this Agreement.

7. Except for the stipulated amendments described above, the Citation is confirmed in all other respects and upon approval by the Board, this Agreement and the Citation, as amended, shall become a final order of the Director.

8. Respondent shall post a copy of this Agreement and Order in a prominent place at or near the location of the posting of the Citation, and the Agreement and Order shall remain posted for three working days (excluding weekends and State holidays).

9. Respondent shall continue to comply with HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law, and the related rules.

10. Nothing in this Agreement shall bar the Director from taking any action regarding future acts or practices by Respondent which may be alleged to violate HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law, or the related rules.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, September 20, 2007.


BRELLE WEST CONSTRUCTION &
RESTORATION, INC.



KEVIN FANNING
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS



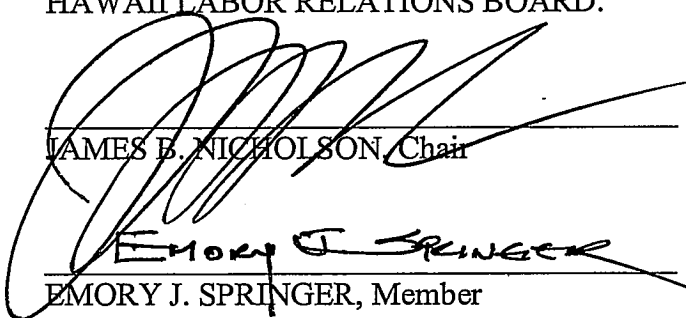
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DARWIN L.D. CHING

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED BY
HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD:

ORDER NO. 264



JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Chair



EMORY J. SPRINGER, Member



SARAH R. HIRAKAMI, Member

Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations v. Brelle West Construction & Restoration, Inc., OSH 2007-11 (310391024) – Stipulation and Settlement Agreement

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Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division
830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425
Honolulu, HI 96813
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Certified Number: 7003 1680 0000 9997 4124

Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Brelle West Construction
and its successors
197 N Sunny Side #108
Clovis, CA 93611

Inspection Number: 310391024 (Charles Clark)
Inspection Date(s): 03/14/2007 - 03/14/2007
Issuance Date: 04/12/2007
OSHSO ID: X8851
Optional Report No.: 03007
Inspection Type: Referral
Scope of Inspection: Partial Inspection

Inspection Site:
74-5499 Luluku St
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty describes violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties, unless within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you mail a notice of contest to the State of Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Law has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Law or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays), whichever is longer. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Administrator during the 20 calendar day contest period. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Administrator within 20 calendar days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 4, Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Employers' Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Administrator in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies) within 20 calendar days after receipt, the citation(s) and the penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and may not be reviewed by any court or agency. Once a letter of contest is received, it becomes the jurisdiction of the HLRB.

Penalty Payment - Penalties are due within 20 calendar days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to "Director of Budget and Finance." Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

HIOSH does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For each violation which you do not contest, you are required by Section 12-51-22 to submit an Abatement Certification to HIOSH. The certification must be sent by you within 5 calendar days of the abatement date indicated on the citation. For **Willful** and **Repeat** violations, documents (example: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstrating that abatement is complete must accompany the certification. Where the citation is classified as **Serious** and the citation states that abatement documentation is required, documents such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

All abatement verification documents must contain the following information: 1) Your name and address; 2) the inspection number (found on the front page); 3) the citation and citation item number(s) to which the submission relates; 4) a statement that the information is accurate; 5) the signature of the employer or employer's authorized representative; 6) the date the hazard was corrected; 7) a brief statement of how the hazard was corrected; and 8) a statement that affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

The law also requires a copy of all abatement verification documents, required by Section 12-55-22 to be sent to HIOSH, also be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 60 days after the discrimination occurred with the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Employees' Right to Contest - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above and postmarked within 20 calendar days of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data - you should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with HIOSH to discuss the citation(s) issued on 04/12/2007. The conference will be held at the HIOSH office located at 830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425, Honolulu, HI 96813 on _____ at _____. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

STATE OF HAWAII

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division

Inspection Number: 310391024

Inspection Dates: 03/14/2007 - 03/14/2007



830 Punchbowl Street, Room 425
Honolulu, HI 96813

Issuance Date: 04/12/2007

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Brelle West Construction

Inspection Site: 74-5499 Luluku St, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(1) [Refer to chapter 12-121.2, HAR] was violated because:

An employee exposed to a 11 foot 4 inch fall to the lower level while standing on the top of a wall was not protected from fall hazards and serious injuries due to falls to the lower level.

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(1) states "Unprotected sides and edges. Each employee on a walking/working surface (horizontal and vertical surface) with an unprotected side or edge which is 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above a lower level shall be protected from falling by the use of guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems."

Location: Site

Abatement Documentation Required

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

04/16/2007

Penalty:

\$1,500.00

See pages 1 through 3 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

STATE OF HAWAII

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The alleged violations below (2a & 2b) have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for illness or injury resulting from an accident.

Citation 1 Item 2a Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.1053(b)(1) [Refer to chapter 12-154.1, HAR] was violated because:

A ladder used by an employee to gain access to the upper landing area was several feet below the landing, which exposed the employee to serious injuries from fall hazards.

29 CFR 1926.1053(b)(1) states "When portable ladders are used for access to an upper landing surface, the ladder side rails shall extend at least 3 feet (.9 m) above the upper landing surface to which the ladder is used to gain access; or, when such an extension is not possible because of the ladder's length, then the ladder shall be secured at its top to a rigid support that will not deflect, and a grasping device, such as a grabrail, shall be provided to assist employees in mounting and dismounting the ladder. In no case shall the extension be such that ladder deflection under a load would, by itself, cause the ladder to slip off its support."

Location: Site

Abatement Documentation Required

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Penalty:

04/16/2007
\$1,500.00

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STATE OF HAWAII

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Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division

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Inspection Dates: 03/14/2007 - 03/14/2007



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Issuance Date: 04/12/2007

Citation and Notification of Penalty

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Inspection Site: 74-5499 Luluku St, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Citation 1 Item 2b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.1053(b)(13) [Refer to chapter 12-154.1, HAR] was violated because:

An employee was observed stepping on the top step of a ladder while exiting an area where he had been working. By stepping onto the top step of the ladder the employee was exposed to serious injuries in the event of a fall to the lower level.

29 CFR 1926.1053(b)(13) states "The top or top step of a stepladder shall not be used as a step."

Location: Site

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **04/16/2007**

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STATE OF HAWAII

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Issuance Date: 04/12/2007

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.701(b) [Refer to chapter 12-155.1, HAR] was violated because:

Protruding re-bar was not adequately protected to prevent impalement injuries to an employee observed working above the area and exposed to the protruding re-bar.

29 CFR 1926.701(b) states "All protruding reinforcing steel, onto and into which employees could fall, shall be guarded to eliminate the hazard of impalement."

Location: Site

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Penalty:

04/16/2007
\$750.00


NELSON B. BEFITEL
DIRECTOR

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Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
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Honolulu, HI 96813

SUMMARY OF PENALTIES

Company Name: Brelle West Construction
Inspection Site: 74-5499 Luluku St
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
Issuance Date: 04/12/2007

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 310391024

Citation 01, Serious = \$3,750.00

TOTAL PENALTIES = \$3,750.00

Make check or money order payable to the "Director of Budget and Finance." Please indicate the inspection number and dba, if company name is different, on the remittance. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for any returned checks.

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 Mr. Randy French, Superintendent
 Brelle West Construction
 197 North Sunny Side, #108
 Clovis, California 93611

2. Article Number
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